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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: NORBERT MILLER, ET AL.

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR  
PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary amend the specification and claims as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, please insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

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